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Assessment

Utah Alternate Assessment

Key changes for this Year:

- Additional, Improved, Re-Numbered Tasks--Please use the new manual.
- Teacher selects tasks instead of the IEP team.
- Tasks to be selected by end of October.
- Procedures for recording proficiency levels are now included in the manual.
- Training and handout for new manual located on the Special Education Website: http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us.
- Call Amy Spencer for questions or training

Remediation available for UBSCT

Utah Electronic High School has an online course available for UBSCT Preparation. This could be very helpful for districts and schools who are trying to provide opportunities for remediation. Contact Richard Siddoway (801.538.7736) or log onto http://ehs.uen.org for more details.

Calendar

Special Education Calendar

The Special Education Events Calendar has a complete listings of personnel development opportunities, conferences and online registration. You can navigate to this page through the USOE special education page at http://www.usoe.k12.ut.us, or go to the Utah Personnel Development home page and select "calendar" http://www.updc.org/.

Data Reports

Data Reports for 2003-04

There are still a hand full of districts who have not submitted their Federal Data Reports for the 2003-2004 school year. These include the personnel, discipline, exit, and State LRBI reports. If you have questions as to where you stand contact Cal Newbold @ 538.7724

Funding

Special Pre-school Allocation 03 Funds

The additional allocation of 2003 Preschool funds that was distributed in June 2004 must be spent and reimbursement requested by September 30, 2004 Submit your requests to Sandi Cox ASAP.

IDEA Application for 2004-2005

IDEA Application for 2004-2005 is now on the Special Education Web Site. Applications are due on October 8, 2004. You may apply directly or with your district consolidated plan. The FINAL IDEA money charts are also on the Web. The Overall grant is down slightly from what you were given in St. George.

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Grants

Access to the General Curriculum Grants

You are invited to apply for an Access to the General Curriculum Instructional Practices and Targeted Interventions Initiatives Competitive Grant. Applications due on October 14, 2004. Grants awards will be announced on November 5, 2004. Questions? *Contact Pat Beckman*

Utah State Improvement Grant

Utah has been approved for a state improvement grant starting September 1, 2004. This three-year grant will focus on supporting new special education teachers through district induction programs and personnel development in the areas of literacy and positive behavior supports. The previous state improvement grant, the Utah SIGNAL project has provided a foundation of successful interventions and support for Utah educators

<u>USOE discretionary Project Bidders</u> <u>Conference</u>

You are invited to attend the first annual USOE discretionary project bidders conference on Thursday November 1, 2004 in the Salt Lake Area. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide information and procedures on the CSPD discretionary grant process. Last years approximately \$100,000 was available for 5 district initiatives. Approximately \$970,000 was available to support higher education initiatives in special education educator preparation. Preceding this afternoon session will be a "project directors" conference to share progress and review evaluation outcomes.

Sign Language Interpreters

Registration fee assistance is available for Sign Language Interpreters taking the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA). Contact Anjanelle Spears for Assistance mail to: aspears@usoe.k12.ut.us or 801.538.7874

TA Manual

COMING SOON!!! After recent additions, the long awaited

TA manual for serving Student with Special Health Card Needs

is near production. More to Come!

Thoughts That Stick

"Do not see my disability as the problem. Recognize that my disability is an attribute". Norman Kunc, <u>A Credo for Support.</u>